



City of Charleston
South Carolina

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Keep Charleston Beautiful Green Spaces Program: Recycling in City Parks

The City of Charleston Keep Charleston Beautiful program was awarded the Nestle Waters North America Corporation "Recycle on the Go" grant for \$10,000. The purpose of the grant was to create recycling programs in public spaces. Charleston was one of two awards in South Carolina and one of twelve grants in the country. Work has been underway to get 27 recycling bins installed in Charleston City Parks.

On October 5, 2009, Mayor Joseph P. Riley unveiled the newly installed recycling bins in Marion Square. The Department of Parks is also installing bins in Hampton Park, White Point Garden, and Waterfront Park. These bins represent the start of the Keep Charleston Beautiful Green Spaces Program aimed at encouraging recycling in public spaces. The Green Spaces Recycling Program addresses the need to provide permanent recycling opportunities in all City parks. This program is made possible by the generous contributions of Nestle Waters North America Corporation, the City of Charleston and Charleston County Environmental Management.

Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. said, "Each and every step the residents of the City of Charleston can take to keep plastic out of landfills and recycled is wonderful and extremely important to the environment. I look forward to seeing recycling bins installed in each park in the City of Charleston."

The recycling receptacles will be clearly labeled for recycling and be installed next to trashcans within the parks. Park visitors will be able to recycle cans, plastic bottles (numbers 1 and 2) and glass in these bins. All non-recyclable items will be placed in the neighboring waste bins, as usual. Keep Charleston Beautiful is dedicated to continue spreading their message of living litter free and reducing waste through recycling. If you have any questions regarding this or any of Keep Charleston Beautiful education and awareness programs please visit their website at www.keepcharlestonbeautiful.org for more information.

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